GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:576
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2009
BODO POLITICAL ACCORD
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bodo Political Accord has been signed by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of clauses mentioned therein; and

(c) the details of implementation of the said Accord?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a)to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION N0. 576 FOR 24.02.2009

(a)to (c): A memorandum of Settlement (MoS) was signed between the Central Government, Government of Assam and the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) on 10.2.2003. The main clauses of the MoS interalia includes setting up of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) in the State of Assam under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution on India, inclusion of Bodo language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, revision of list of Scheduled Tribes for the State of Assam, setting up of Central Institute of Technology, additional development package of Rs. 100 crore per annum for 5 years over and above the normal plan assistance to the State of Assam, rehabilitation of BLT cadres, etc. Following action has been taken to implement the MoS:

i) The Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India was amended for creation of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC).

ii) General Election to the Council held on 13.5.2005 and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) took office.

iii) Scheduled Tribe (list) of Assam has been revised by amending the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes), Order 1950 to protect the interest of Bodo Tribe.

iv) Bodo language has been included into the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

v) Article 332 (6) of the Constitution of India has been amended by enacting Constitution (Nineteenth) Amendment Act, 2003 for ensuring the existing representation of the Scheduled Tribes and non-Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Assam from Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD).

vi) Rs. 47.92 crore have been released during the years 2003-2004 to 2006-07 for development of administrative infrastructure in the BTAD.

vii) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has sanctioned 39 projects worth Rs. 439.02 crore for creation of socio-economic infrastructure since the year 2004-05 and Rs. 381.64 crore has been released to the State Government of Assam so far.

viii) Central Institute of Technology (CIT) has started functioning at Kokrajhar since 2006.

ix) 835 ex-BLT cadres have been recruited in the Central Police Forces (CPFs) and approval for appointment of 400 ex-BLT cadres as Special Police Officer (SPOs) has been given to state Government.